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The Weather

Fair to partly cloudy Friday and
Saturday. Little temperature change.

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Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor

ALEX. H. WASHBURN

Underpass for No. 29

Pilkinton's Marriage Bill

News from Little Rock today may indicate the first favorable "break" in this section's long fight to make State Highway 29 a hard-surfaced road, joining U. S. 67 here with paved Louisiana No. 10 at the state line at Arkana. Today's news is that early in January the federal Public Works Administration (PWA) will ask for bids on an underpass to eliminate the grade-crossing where No. 29 intersects the Louisiana & Arkansas Railway south of town.

New England Hit by Quake, Damage Slight

Shakes Heavy Buildings; Felt in New Jersey and Canada

BOSTON —(AP)—An earthquake starting in New England and felt in New Jersey and Canada shook heavy buildings, caused slight damage and threw thousands of persons into panic early Friday.

Prof. Don Lett of the Harvard University Observatory said it lasted 30 seconds.

Awakened by the rumbling as their homes swayed men, women and children in cities as far west as Rochester and Syracuse, N. Y., arose in alarm. New Englanders dashed into the street in their night-clothes.

"Whole communities were aroused during the night."

In one case a baby was thrown from his crib by the earth tremor.

The shock in Montreal, Canada, was enough to awaken sleepers and shake small ornaments in homes, but it did not cause serious damage.

British Insist Nazis in Italy

German Troops Said to Be Seen Swarming Over Rome

LONDON —(AP)—The British Broadcasting Corporation, quoting a "neutral observer" in Rome, said Thursday night large numbers of German anti-aircraft gunners and other German army units described as "specialists" have arrived in Rome.

Italian officers told the neutral observer, BBC said, "These arrivals are the beginning of a German attempt to reduce Italy from the status of an ally to that of a vassal."

BBC quoted Rome reports which said the council of the Fascist Militia passed a resolution Thursday calling on Italians "to form a bloc strong enough to meet all trials around 11 Duce, while one of the greatest crises in history is nearing its conclusion."

Kroger Store Will Close 6 p. m. Tuesday

The Kroger grocery store on South Main street will begin its Christmas holiday at 6 o'clock sharp Tuesday night, December 24, the management announced Friday. The store will close at 6 p. m. Tuesday and remain closed all day Christmas, to give employees Christmas eve and Christmas day with their families. The public's attention was called to this early closing hour Christmas eve by Cecil W. Dennis, grocery manager, and K. L. Caplinger, market manager.

CRANIUM CRACKERS

"Great" Film Roles
Listed below are the titles of five motion pictures, all of which begin with same two words. Can you name the actor who played the title role in each?

1. The Great Ziegfeld.
2. The Great Dictator.
3. The Great McGinty.
4. The Great Victor Herbert.
5. The Great Profile.

Answers on Comic Page

Highway 29 to Get Underpass for L. & A. Line

To Call for
Bids on Hope
Project About
January 10 or 13

LITTLE ROCK—Bids for constructing underpasses on Highway 29 a mile south of Hope, at a Louisiana & Arkansas railway crossing, and on Highway 82 at Garland City, where a present underpass beneath the Cotton Belt railroad lacks sufficient clearance, will be received by the state Highway Commission January 10 or 13.

The two jobs, having an estimated cost of \$100,000 each, will be Public Roads Administration projects. They have been planned for several months. W. W. Mitchell, state highway director, said serious accidents have been narrowly averted at the Garland City underpass.

The commission awarded contracts for the following construction Thursday:

Independence county—Approximately 1.5 miles of blacktop on Salado Mountain connection road, D. B. Hill and Ben M. Hogan, Little Rock, \$59,157.36.

Benton county—Approximately one mile of blacktop, reinforced concrete and steel bridge 132 feet long, Highway 100 South of Bella Vista, S. E. Evans Construction Company, Fort Smith, \$35,320.75.

U. S. to Probe Ford-CIO Row

Union Charges Discrimination by the Company

DETROIT, Mich. —(AP)—The federal government moved Thursday to inquire into the dispute between the Ford Motor company and the C. I. O. United Auto Workers, James F. Dewey, conciliator already in Detroit, was ordered by the Labor Department to investigate the Ford-C. I. O. issue, in which the union charges discrimination.

The union requested President Roosevelt to intervene in the dispute. Michael F. Widman Jr., director of the U. A. W.-C. I. O.'s Ford organizing drive, telegraphed the president that the Ford company was trying to "provoke a strike" by "open and arrogant violations of the labor laws."

Widman also demanded that further defenses contracts be denied Ford "until the company has demonstrated its willingness to obey the law."

Replying to U. A. W.-C. I. O. charges that the company dismissed men for wearing union buttons Harry H. Bennett, Ford personnel chief, said union heads were making "a deliberate attempt to frame us."

Some of the men claimed to have been fired, Bennett said, are "working right now."

Bennett said the personnel changes at the Lincoln and River Rouge plants represented "temporary seasonal layoffs."

British Eye Ships in U. S.

Minister Declares Real Struggle for 1941

LONDON —(AP)—The British Minister of shipping Friday cast a "covetous eye" on "a certain number of enemy ships" in the United States and declared that assignment of these and certain United States ships to Britain's service are "the only way to aid."

The minister, Ronald Cross, declared that Britain's real struggle would come in 1941. He pictured the submarine as the greatest threat to the British life-line.

"We naturally hope," he said, "that the United States will be able to help us in the coming year."

"I am grateful for what we have got already."

A Thought

If thou wouldst find much favor and peace with God and man, be very low in thine own eyes. Forgive thyself little and others much —Leighton.

Selassie and Sylvia Pankhurst Busy Stirring Up Ethiopia Against Italy



Haile Selassie

Mussolini probably wishes he had never heard of Ethiopia. A raid on El Uak may presage another British drive in Africa, and the tough natives have plenty of scores to settle in their own way. This story tells what's happening nearby.



Sylvia Pankhurst

Threat of Revolt Added to Mussolini's Worries

By MILTON BRONNER
NEA Service Staff Correspondent

Somewhere in the Sudan region contiguous to Ethiopia a middle-aged white woman is cooking up a third witches' broth for Dictator Benito Mussolini, already badly hit by the Greeks in Albania and the British in Egypt and Libya.

The man is Haile Selassie, one-time emperor of Ethiopia. The woman is Sylvia Pankhurst, dynamic daughter of the late and equally dynamic Emmeline Pankhurst. Their joint purpose is to stir up the Ethiopians in the hinterland regions so they will revolt against Italian rule.

The hint is that the British have been moving supplies near the frontier so the war-like Ethiopian tribes can get arms.

The hope is that with the Suez Canal closed to Italian ships, Mussolini will not be able to get reinforcements, arms or supplies to his forces in Ethiopia. With some help from British forces stationed in Egypt and the Sudan, the dream is to whip the Italians and restore Ethiopia to its rightful ruler, thus smashing Mussolini's vision of a great African empire.

"He's a King, You Know"
Mussolini's troops began their march into Ethiopia Oct. 3, 1935, on the now familiar Hitlerian formula that the sheep had attacked the wolf.

May 5, 1936, Italian troops entered the capital of Addis Ababa and Haile Selassie fled to England via Palestine.

May 9, 1936, Italy formally annexed Ethiopia and King Victor Emmanuel was then called emperor.

It was a dazed, weary, little brown man with a silky black beard and purple cloak who came to London. One of his titles was "King of Kings," but he did not look it. Another of his titles was "Lion of Judah," but he appeared to be about the meekest lion ever.

At a luncheon in London an enterprising American woman got his autograph while the shocked Lord Robert Cecil, who presided, expostulated to the female go-getter.

"Oh, but you shouldn't! Oh, but you mustn't! He's a king, you know!" Haile saidly took his kingship down to a modest house in the watering place of Bath.

Fighter for Great Causes
Then it was that Miss Pankhurst entered the picture. With her famous mother, she was a militant suffragette back in the years before the World War.

Like her mother, she was jailed.

(Continued on Page Four)

Hope Cagers Win 2 Games

Texarkana Teams No Match for Local Basketballers

The Hope High School Bobcats' basketball team took a doubleheader from Texarkana, Texas here Thursday night 29-6 and 27-17.

In the first game the Texarkana lads failed to score in the final half and made only six points in the first period, while the Bobcats had an easy time making 29 points.

The final game proved to be somewhat closer with Hope winning by a 10-point margin. Kendall Smith was high scorer with 8 points.

Indian Dolls
The Hopi Indian katchinas, or dolls, are unlike the dolls of other nations in that they have a serious, tribal significance and play important parts in Hopi rituals. Carved from cottonwood by hand, they are not toys, but are made to represent certain features, such as "corn katchina," "cow katchina," etc.

N. L. R. Junior Coach Resigns

Will Accept Similar Position at Jonesboro

NORTH LITTLE ROCK —(AP)—Coach Clyde Trickey announced Friday his resignation to accept a similar situation at Jonesboro Junior High School.

Trickey, coach here since 1935, succeeds Bill Ruckman at Jonesboro who quit there to enter the army as an officer.

Trickey's successor has not been named.

Trickey's football teams have won 40, lost 7, and tied 3 games, in six years.

Christmas Party for Centerville Folks

A Christmas party is planned for citizens of the Centerville community at the church Monday night at 7:30. All persons in that section are invited.



Every step of retreat taken by Italian troops across Libyan sands means increased power and prestige for Great Britain. Map spots possibilities that may result from a partial or complete defeat of Italy by Britain in Africa and in the Mediterranean.

Jackrabbits Cost Farmer \$2,075.21

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP)—When wild jackrabbits invaded the wheat fields of Charles T. Peacock he estimated they destroyed \$2,075.21 worth of wheat.

Revenue Asked From Sales Tax

Arkansas State College Asks For Financial Aid

LITTLE ROCK —(AP)—A charge by a legislator that Arkansas State college of Jonesboro was planning to renege on the 1941 legislature to require revenue from the sales tax caused the postponement of action on school legislation Friday.

Rep. Forrest Rozzell of Little Rock made the charge.

The postponement of school legislation came after Senator James Dooch had submitted a request for \$153,200 for Arkansas State College.

On Dooch's motion the committee deferred consideration of the request until B. C. Kays, Arkansas State president, can appear before the body.

Nazis Demand French Changes

Observers Predict France Will Comply With Terms

BERN, Switzerland —(AP)—Fernand de Brinon, representative of the French government in German-occupied Paris, took Thursday to Marshal Petain in Vichy what diplomatic sources here described as "firm" Nazi demands for "radical" changes in the government's personnel.

The Vichy cabinet meeting decided, these sources said, that certain cabinet changes would be made to meet the demands.

The ousted Vice Premier Laval, they said, probably would not figure by name among the successors of those to be ousted. But those losing their posts are expected to include some known as Laval's political enemies.

Petain, it was said, would announce the changes in a radio speech to the nation, probably Saturday. Further cabinet meetings are to be held Friday and Saturday.

The British wireless, in a broadcast heard in New York by CBS, declared de Brinon's visit to Vichy indicated "the crisis started in Vichy by the ouster of Laval is rapidly coming to a head."

"The diplomatic activities surrounding the release and eventual comeback of Laval are not yet an end," the broadcast said. "According to the Berlin correspondent of the paper La Suisse, it is quite possible that Laval may return into the government as minister of interior, that is to say he will replace one of the ministers who, according to not yet confirmed rumors, has most violently opposed his comeback."

Stewart Stores Open in Hope

New Grocery on Second Street Just East of Walnut

Stewart Stores, a new grocery firm located on Second street just east of the Walnut street intersection, opened for business this week-end.

Two experienced food men are in charge, David E. Day being store manager, and Weaver Stephenson market manager.

Stewart Stores carry a complete line of meats and groceries at featured prices.

COTTON

By the Associated Press
Open High Low Close
New Orleans cotton:
January 10.02 10.02 10.02 10.02
March 10.17 10.21 10.17 10.16
May 10.09 10.14 10.09 10.09
July 9.86 9.91 9.86 9.87
October 9.35 9.35 9.35 9.34
December 9.27 9.27 9.27 9.28

New York Cotton:
January 9.99 9.99 9.99 9.99
March 10.12 10.18 10.12 10.12
May 10.06 10.10 10.05 10.05
July 9.83 9.88 9.82 9.83
October 9.30 9.35 9.30 9.31
Middling spot: 10.32

Ships Go Into Adriatic With No Resistance

Italians Deny That Nazi Troops, Planes Are Aiding in Any Way

CAIRO —(AP)—British troops have completely surrounded the Libyan town of Bardia and are preparing for a final assault on the Italian-held town, high sources reported Friday.

LONDON —(AP)—British sea power consisting of battleships, a cruiser and destroyers has swept the lower Adriatic and the battleships poured nearly 100 tons of shells into the Albanian port of Valona, the admiralty announced Friday.

The raid through the 50-mile Strait of Otranto, at the heel of the Italian boot, was not challenged by the Italian navy, and no Italian shipping was found, the admiralty said.

Valona is a vital supply port for the Italians in Albania.

British commentators said British domination of the Mediterranean had been extended to the Adriatic.

New evidence of British control of the Mediterranean was uncovered when England announced the sinking of three Italian supply ships at Bardia.

With the Adriatic sea now open to us important developments may be expected," the British said.

The extent of damage at Valona, Albania, was not disclosed.

London sources expressed belief that Italian forces in Albania were threatened with isolation worse than encirclement of the British and French at Dunkerque because of Italy's naval failure to command the lower Adriatic.

Say Nazis Not in Italy
ROME —(AP)—A semi-official bulletin issued Friday to show the size of the British forces which, it said, Italian troops are " gallantly facing," put them at 1,500 airplanes, 425,000 troops and 500,000 tons of warships.

It described Britain's forces as crack troops recruiting in England, Australia, New Zealand and elsewhere in the British empire.

Informed sources declared German troops were not in Italy, were not en route to any Italian front, and would not be sent to any.

Heavy artillery exchanges on the Bardia battle front in Libya during which Italian guns effectively pounded British batteries and mechanized forces, were reported.

British Pound Bardia
CAIRO —(AP)—By land, sea and air the British reported that their forces were remorselessly pounding at Bardia Friday, with the Italians trapped in that Libya port battling fiercely to break through to a line of retreat.

Supporting the British forces on the town, where 20,000 Italians are supposed to be trapped, the RAF blasted Derna, 175 miles from the Egyptian frontier and "left the camp in flames."

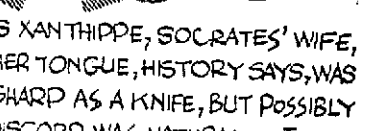
RAF planes set off fires and explosions Thursday night on the transport parts and garages at Bardia and sources said practically all the camp was in a blaze.

Similar raids were carried out north west of Bardia.

A fierce airfighting Thursday five Italian planes were downed without the loss of a single British plane, British sources announced.

Russellville Denies Burnett to Coach

RUSSELLVILLE —(AP)—Alfred Craigh, vice-president of Russellville college denied published reports Friday that Raymond (Rabbit) Burnett would become mascot coach of the college here at mid-term.



IS XANTHIPPE, SOCRATES' WIFE,
HER TONGUE, HISTORY SAYS, WAS
SHARP AS A KNIFE, BUT POSSIBLY
DISCORD WAS NATURAL, IF THEY
DELAYED CHRISTMAS SHOPPING
UNTIL THE LAST DAY...

3 SHOPPING DAYS
TILL CHRISTMAS

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All Together, Now — Pull!

Speculation about the American defense effort may now be put aside. We have the verdict of the man best qualified to know. And his verdict is "Not good enough."

William S. Knudsen, production member of the Defense Commission, has made, so to speak, his report on the first six months of the arms production program. And his considered verdict is that, particularly in the vital field of airplane production, we have fallen 30 per cent short of the goal.

The basic reason for this shortcoming, Knudsen says, is that industry and labor, "the two most important elements," have not been "sold" on the gravity of the situation.

Knudsen believes that there are certain fields in which the only way a marked and immediate increase in production can be shown is by working six or seven days a week instead of five. When such specific situations are uncovered, it could be done. There are plants not yet working three shifts which can be placed on this basis. Every situation is its own problem, with varying degrees of urgency and varying degrees of unused productive capacity. It seems certain that more centralized power must be established to iron out quickly specific kinks in the production line.

This does not mean that all social gains of shorter hours and better conditions must be thrown down the drain at once. But the power to increase the pressure at certain points where the bottlenecks are narrow must be granted soon. The situation has become such that unused capacity can no longer be tolerated.

Knudsen is dead right he says that the public generally is 100 per cent behind the defense effort. And he is right again when he says that "the only way to get this program going is to get a concerted effort and a co-operative effort—an incentive fire with the spirit of sacrifice from everybody from the bench to the manager's desk."

Knudsen hit it again when he said that our problem is to "prove that a free people are capable of self-discipline and of productive work superior to that of a dictator's subjects."

It is not too much to say that the whole future of free government hangs on what the United States is able to accomplish during the next six months. We believe that the American people are prepared to make any required sacrifices to win through on this front, provided that the sacrifices are evenly distributed.

The armament effort is the joint effort of all the American people, not of classes or groups. It is for their joint safety as a people.

They have never failed before to do what was necessary to be done. They will not fail today.

Collect Waste Oil

STOCKHOLM —(AP)—Sweden has established collection depots for used, waste oil to be refined again in an effort to bolster stocks depleted through war blockades.

Clubs

MELROSE

The Melrose Home Demonstration club held their customary Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Joe Laster on Park Drive. The subject of the devotional given by Mrs. P. J. Holt, was the "Golden Rule" taken from the sixth chapter of Luke the 27th through the 38th verse. After a short business session the fun began. In the playing of bingo several clever prizes were awarded. After the exchange of Christmas gifts the hostess served a lovely salad course with fruit cake.

Patmos

The Patmos Home Demonstration club held its Christmas meeting at the hospitable home of Mrs. B. J. Drake, December 17, 1940, with 12 members present. The following program was given:

Song, "Beautiful Dreamer," devotional on the 2nd chapter of Luke and Prayer by Mrs. B. J. Drake. The roll call was responded to by suggestions on Christmas gifts, preferably inexpensive cotton handmade gifts.

Volunteers were called to do some Red Cross sewing. It was agreed to send a Christmas box to a local family and jars of fruit were brought for the Children's home. A card of thanks was read from Mrs. B. W. Burns for the club's floral offering.

A beautiful Christmas tree held a gift for each one and how they enjoyed the clever, handmade presents.

The January meeting is to be in the home of Mrs. Travis Ward. We hope the new year will find Patmos club a more interesting active and helpful club than it was in 1940.

Delicious refreshments with the holiday accent made the social hour a gay and happy one.

Allen

The Allen Home Demonstration club met with Mrs. Lee Garland on December 12th for our regular club meeting and Christmas party.

Due to the heavy rain fall only seven members were present. We had one new member. The group sang "Silent Night, Holy Night," after which Mrs. Garland read a Christmas poem for the devotional. The roll call was answered by telling how to make a Christmas gift. We also finished our Red Cross project at this meeting.

After a short business session, we had our Christmas program. Old Santa climaxed the program when he handed out the useful cotton gifts from the beautifully decorated Christmas tree.

The Christmas motive was carried out in the decorations throughout the Garland home as well as in the refreshments that were served by Mrs. Bright and Mrs. Garland.

The next meeting will be January 18th at the home of Mrs. Jack Watkins.

BLEVINS

Miss Ernestine Houser is visiting in Little Rock, guest of her sister, Mrs. S. P. Stubbs and Dr. Stubbs.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Brunson left Saturday for their home in Memphis after a visit here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Brunson.

Mrs. P. A. Stephens left Friday night for Springfield, Ill., to visit with her sister, Mrs. Lucy Dunlap.

Miss Helen Wade is visiting in Little Rock as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wade.

Mrs. Peck McDougald, Mrs. Wright Gordon and Mrs. Dolly Gorham were business visitors in Hope Monday.

J. L. Garner and son, Iva of Nashville, were business visitors in Blevins Monday.

Mrs. A. B. Wetherington and Mrs. M. I. Nelson were shopping in Prescott Tuesday morning.

Amnesia Causes

A mounting tendency of the mind to shut out disagreeable realities, or mental shock resulting from physical injuries, are the main causes of amnesia, or loss of memory.

MARKET REPORT

Courtesy McRae Mill & Feed Co.

Heavy hens	8 to 9c lb.
Leghorns	7c
Broilers	1lb. 14c
Eggs	17c doz
Geese	50c - 60c each
Ducks	20c - 25c each
Turkeys	10 to 12c lb.

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THIS YEARS SORGHUM SYRUP—in glass jugs. Hope Star. 13-lf

FAT TURKEYS FOR CHRISTMAS. Place orders now. Lee Garland, Call 9-F-3 between 6 to 12 a. m., 6 to 9 p. m. 19-lfp

STROMBERG, CARLSON AND Troubadour radios—Special prices for Xmas—Electric radios as low as \$7.95. Farm radios as low as \$14.95. less battery. 1000 hour packs \$4.50. Boh Elmore Auto Supply, 210 South Elm. Phone 174. 20-lf

ALLIED BATTERIES, AS LOW AS \$3.19. Batteries recharged 50. Plenty of rentals. Bob Elmore Auto Supply, 210 South Elm. Phone 174. 20-lf

Wanted

20 GALLONS OF MILK DAILY. Hope Dairy & Creamery, Mrs. W. M. Ramsey. 16-6tc

FRANKLIN'S FURNITURE STORE will buy furniture, stoves, log chains, crockpot saws, hoes and axes, 112 South Elm, Hope. 2-lmc

Found

POCKETBOOK IN FRONT OF Bryant's drugstore. Apply at Star office. 20-3dlh

Pandas Off \$10,000 in Light Trading

TOLEDO, O. —(AP)—Financial note: Panda prices have "softened." Zoo officials, recalling that the first panda brought to the United States sold for \$15,000 f. o. b., said they had been offered two for \$5,000 each. They couldn't buy the animals because of a recent rhinoceros purchase and negotiations for a pair of giraffes.

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to an order of the Hempstead County, Arkansas Chancery Court heretofore made, all remaining assets of the Arkansas Bank & Trust Company of Hope, Arkansas will be offered for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the east door of the Court House at Hope, Hempstead County, Arkansas, at 10 o'clock A. M. on the 30th day of December, 1940.

Said sale will be subject to the approval of the Bank Commissioner and to the approval of the Hempstead Chancery Court.

Interested prospective purchasers will find a list of the assets on file at the office of W. S. Atkins in the Arkansas Bank & Trust Company Building, Hope, Arkansas, also on file at the office of the Clerk of the Chancery Court of Hempstead County, Arkansas.

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OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



Bruce Catton Says:

By BRUCE CATTON, NEA Washington Correspondent

Justice Officials Pushing Probe of U. S. Industry's Foreign Tie-Ups

WASHINGTON — While Senator Burton K. Wheeler sues himself on a liner in the Pacific, certain Department of Justice officials are more than a little worried about the future of his pending investigation into U. S. industry's foreign tie-ups.

Unofficially, and sub-rosa, the department is awfully anxious to have that investigation pushed. It is convinced that a thorough probe of trade and patent agreements between big German and American industrialists would reveal some surprising facts, and it figures a Senate committee is best fitted to the job.

But Wheeler's committee won't get going until after the first of the year. In his absence, the Dies Committee has begun to show an interest in the same subject. Now the Justice people show. They figure Wheeler would do a first-rate job and that Dies probably wouldn't—but that Dies' work would spoil things for Wheeler.

Wheeler himself apparently isn't worried. He is said to feel that there's no good reason why Dies shouldn't look into this subject if he wants to. Also, he doesn't share Justice's distrust of the runty Texan.

Medical Plans Moving Ahead "Socialized medicine" has been a very hot potato politically for a long time. That is why those interested are watching closely developments in at least two states—Michigan and Ohio. Legislatures there are passing laws enabling medical service plans to be set up. Members would pay a weekly fee into a fund, being then entitled to medical and surgical services at need.

This plan, which has support of state and local academies of medicine, is entirely voluntary and therefore is not in any sense "socialized medicine," but is similar to plans for providing hospitalization under the same terms which have proved popular in many places.

While it would not solve the problem of medical care for the lowest-bracket income group, the proposed plans are expected to be a boon for small-income groups, and may serve to reduce the agitation for "socialized" medicine.

OUR BOARDING HOUSE

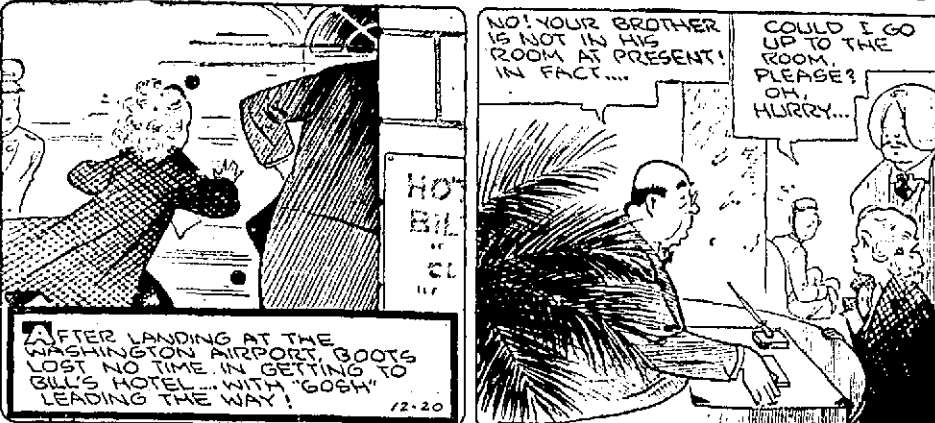
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BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

No Clue

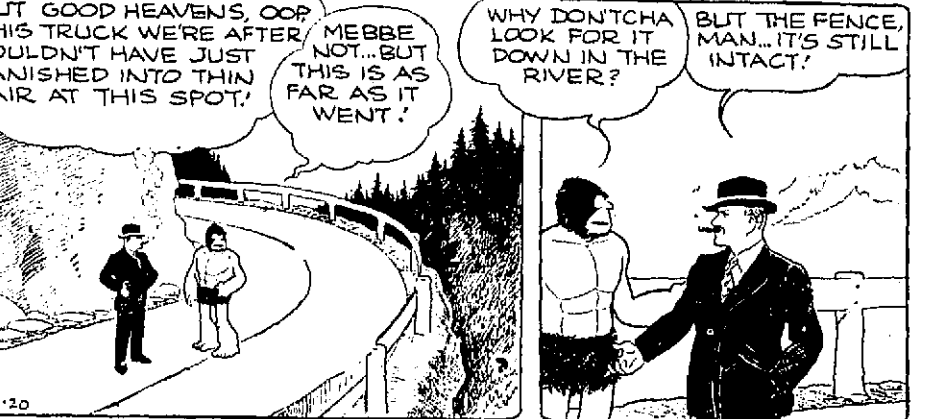
By Edgar Martin



ALLEY OOP

Gone Forever

By V. T. Hamlin



WASH TUBBS

Who's There?

By Roy Crane



FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

Ready to Settle Down

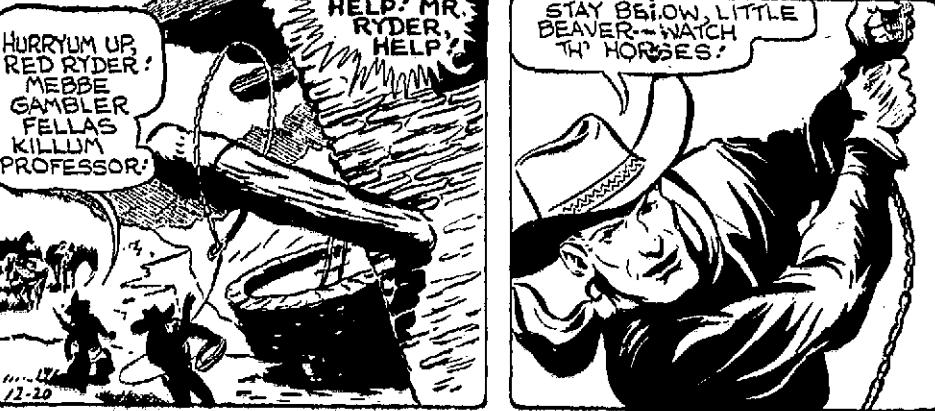
By Merrill Blosser



RED RYDER

Speak Up

By Fred Harman



ident, the services of Avila Camacho's interpreter had to be called on frequently. They don't report that maliciously. Wallace made a fine impression, they say, and was liked by the Mexicans first rate.

"No More, No Less" The recent influenza scare on the west coast led a federal health officer to reminisce sadly about the 1918 epidemic, when he was put in charge of influenza-control measures in a New England city.

"We did everything in the book," he said. "We closed the churches and the schools and the movies. I'm not sure but what we even closed the saloons."

As long as the skating season is all that gives this country the jumps, we are sitting pretty.

MANILA —(AP)— The war jitters have reached Manila. Residents asked that a popcorn factory be removed, because its explosions sounded like shells.

As long as the skating season is all that gives this country the jumps, we are sitting pretty.

SOCIETY

Daisy Dorothy Heard, Editor

Telephone 768

Social Calendar

Friday, December 20th

The Choral club practice will not be held on Friday morning, but the members of the Friday Music club will meet at the home of Mrs. A. C. Kolb Friday night at 7:30 for the annual Christmas party. All members are requested to bring a gift.

The Emanuel club dinner, the Barlow, 7 o'clock. Bridge will be played at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. McDavitt.

Mrs. R. T. White will compliment Mrs. Jack Stewart of Vicksburg, Miss., at an afternoon bridge, 2:30 o'clock.

Goodfellows Benefit Dance at the High School, 8 o'clock. The dance, sponsored by the members of the High School Student Council, is for school students only.

First Methodist Sunday School in Observe White Christmas on Sunday

According to the annual custom of the First Methodist church, the White Christmas services will be observed Sunday, Dec. 22. The list of foods to be brought by the various age groups are listed as follows: Beginners, apples and oranges; Primary, oatmeal, and canned vegetables; Junior high, Irish and sweet potatoes, meat and canned vegetables; Mrs. Lester's class, canned fruits; Mrs. Graves, coffee; Mrs. Thompson's, hard; Mrs. Rauton's, sugar; Mrs. Arnold's, flour; Men's classes, cash.

The articles will be distributed to the needy of the town during the Christmas week. All students are asked to respond.

Mrs. Lawrence Martin is Thursday Contract Club hostess.

Mrs. Lawrence Martin was hostess to the members of the bi-monthly Thursday Contract bridge club at her home on South Elm Street. The guests other than the club were Mrs. Cecil Wyatt, Mrs. Milton Eason, and Mrs. Raymond Jones.

Contract bridge was played and after several exciting games, the scores were counted with Mrs. Franklin Hor-

ton receiving the high score. Gifts for each member and the guests were distributed from the beautiful, lighted Christmas tree.

During the afternoon, the hostess served a delicious salad plate with coffee to her guests.

Girl Scout Troop No. 5 Assisting in Work for the Goodfellows

Mrs. A. C. Monts, the captain of Girl Scout Troop No. 5 is leading the Scouts in their work of mending toys for the Goodfellows. It includes painting and cleaning toys and dressing dolls. The troop also decorated a Christmas tree for the "Little House."

"The Corpse With the Listening Ear"

A corpse—startled, expectant, listening.

Dick Whalen eager to complete his internship, more concerned with Helen Cory, the red haired impertinent floor nurse, than with violent death, discovers that he and he alone, recognizes death.

Reluctantly he enters the case—unaware of the consequences in his own life, unaware that he must play a part in tragedy.

This is a story of normal people people that we all might know. People who find themselves suddenly involved in a sequence of murders, the circle of suspicion widens.

This is a story of suspicious horror, of desperate gaiety and courage. Murder succeeds murder with cold inevitability before the answer is found to the crime that has baffled the police of Nassau County and New York City.

"The Corpse With the Listening Ear" is another new book that is to be had at the Hempstead County Library in the city hall.

Personal Mention

Mrs. Irma Dean will leave Friday night for Iuka, Mississippi, where she will spend two weeks with her daughter, Miss Gwendolyn Dean.

Miss Irma Smith of Camden is the Friday guest of her Arkansas State Teachers' room-mate, Miss Evelyn Bryant.

Miss Mary Della White will arrive Friday afternoon from Conway, where she is a senior at Arkansas State Teachers' college.

Mrs. Robert F. Tucker and son, Bobby, of Shreveport are the holiday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Webb.

Mrs. Arch Cannon and daughter, Miss Charlie Cannon will leave Saturday for Arkadelphia to join Mr. and Mrs. Ernestine Sill and little daughter, Cynthia, for a holiday visit to Nashville, Tennessee. They will be the guests of their son and brother, Gordon Cannon, and Mrs. Cannon.

William R. Orton Jr. will arrive home Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Orton Sr. and other relatives and friends. He is a student at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

Miss Mary Whitworth has returned from a pleasant visit with friends in Little Rock.

Victor Keith of Chicago is home to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

The Misses Julia and Janet Lemley will arrive home Friday night to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Lemley. Miss Julia Lemley is a member of the High School faculty at Fort Smith and Miss Janet Lemley is a student at the University of Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Yontz and little daughter, Caryl, of Arlington, Virginia are expected to arrive in the city this weekend for a holiday visit with Mrs. Yontz's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Carlton. They will be accompanied by Miss Margaret Wells, who will be a guest in the Carlton home.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

So Long as the Christmas Story Lives, There Is Hope for Peace
Text: Luke 2:8-20

By WILLIAM E. GILROY, D. D.
Editor of Advance

Thanksgiving day and Christmas, both coming close together, are often associated in the public mind. As they ought to be. It is the birth around which this lesson centers which constitutes our chief cause for thanksgiving.

As we contemplate a world at war, with strife and violence on almost every hand, we may thank God for the measure of democracy and peace that our country still enjoys. But with all that has broken loose in the rest of the world it would be blindness and folly to imagine the things we prize most are not imperilled.

The question is one of the extent and immediacy of any peril to us, but even if we were in no peril whatever, it would be a poor and shallow sort of thanksgiving that took no account of the tragedies and sorrows of the world at large.

When we view that world at large, what faith and hope can we have for the future and for mankind apart from the fact of Jesus and the record of His gospel, His life, His teaching, and His example, as given for us in the New Testament?

The quiet fields where shepherds watched their flocks by night is in strange contrast to blacked-out cities, and even villages and country regions today. Even in Palestine itself, the quiet of the night is broken by the sound of machine guns.

It is a dark and terrible picture and the one bright, ultimate contrast is in this Savior, whose birth was announced to the shepherds in the field.

Here was the song, of Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill to men.

Here is something that has happened, and that cannot be undone. It is not a hope, or an expectation. It is real. And it is the one bright light that shines in spite of all the darkness.

home before going to Dallas, Texas to spend a part of the holidays.

Mrs. W. E. White and daughter, Miss Martha White were Thursday visitors to Little Rock.

Miss Carolyn Barr, who is a freshman at Belhaven college in Jackson, Mississippi, has arrived to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Barr.

The Misses Mary Nell and Jane Carter will come home Friday night to spend their two-weeks vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carter. They are attending school at Arkadelphia.

Miss Claudia Whitworth of the Sparkman High School Faculty will be among those coming to Hope for a holiday visit.

Mrs. Bill Brasier of Eastland, Texas is spending the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Don Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Washburn, parents of A. H. Washburn, publisher of the Star, who visited here last month, were injured in an automobile accident last Sunday at Wilkes-Barre, Pa. On their way home from church their car struck a tree, Mrs. Washburn suffering a fractured knee-cap. Both were resting well Thursday night, however, the General Hospital at Wilkes-Barre reported. Another son and daughter, Lindsey M. Washburn and Mrs. Frank Murray Gibson, are with them.

SUNDAY DINNER

BAKED YOUNG TURKEY
Dressing, Cranberry Sauce
FRIED CHICKEN

Mashed Potatoes, Green Butter Beans
French Salad, Cherry Cream Pie
It's safe to be hungry at the

CHECKERED CAFE

RIALTO! Sunday - Monday

... She called him a coward and he Defeated the Whole Navy to Prove Otherwise!

"CAPTAIN CAUTION"

— WITH —

VICTOR MATURE
LOUISE PLATT
LEO LARILLO

SHORTS: EASY DOES IT
X MARKS THE SPOT

MALCO Holiday FESTIVAL

NOVEMBER 21st TO DECEMBER 28th

Romantic Epic of West Revives Plains Drama



Music has charm for the ear, and Patricia Morison charms the eye. Here you see Fred MacMurray being utterly charmed by a combination of Morison and music in a scene that is a sentimental interlude in the busy action of "Rangers of Fortune," Paramount's Western epic coming Sunday to the Saenger theater.

In an epic story of America's Southwest, "Rangers of Fortune," which comes Sunday to the Saenger theater, Paramount revives the drama of Texas frontier days, gives free rein to action, romance, adventure in the spectacular drama of three freebooting cowboys who forsake a catfishing of outlaws to use their guns and fists in a savage battle against injustice.

Sam Wood, who previously directed such distinguished screen classics as "Goodbye, Mr. Chips" and "Our Town" loses his directorial genius in an entirely new vein for this picture which features Fred MacMurray, Patricia Morison, Albert Dekker, Gilbert Roland, Joseph Schildkraut and Dick Foran.

From the first episode, in which MacMurray and his two comrades, Dekker and Gilbert Roland, escape from a Mexican firing squad, to furious spectacular final sequences of a battle between the cowboys and land grabbers, the picture is action-studded throughout.

Story of "Rangers of Fortune" derives its interest from the fact that MacMurray and his pals come to the

ness of history and the black-out of today.

If the Christmas story could be destroyed; if the Jesus of history and the Christ of Christmas could cease to be; then, indeed, we might give up all hope and faith. We might cease to pray or struggle and let the world go down in gloom and ruin.

But the Christ is real. The Christmas story is as precious as ever. As long as it is read and cherished, so long will there be a future for men and a hope of brotherhood. It is a time to think of all the great company of people who are living out that faith and hope today. If there are teachings of hate and violence abroad and men who practice them, there are teachings of love and goodness and a holy army of those who follow them, in the name and in the spirit of Jesus.

Over in England, in the darkness and terror of a bomb-stricken land they are singing, "There'll always be an England." It is a people's song of courage, and of hope and of faith in their country and its ideals in a time of deepest trial when hearts might easily give over to despair.

But there is a possible song even greater than that, which we too can sing. In the gloom and darkness of the world let us catch the glory that shone around the shepherds, and sing, "There'll always be a Christmas."

RAF Bombs 2 Bases, Albania

Blazing Ruins Left in Vaiona and Krienero

ATHENS (AP)—Blazing ruins were left in new assaults on the Albanian port of Vaiona and on Krienero, the RAF command announced Friday, while Greek troops were battling up the coast from Palermo bay to Chimara and tightening their lines around the inland towns of Klisura and Tepellini.

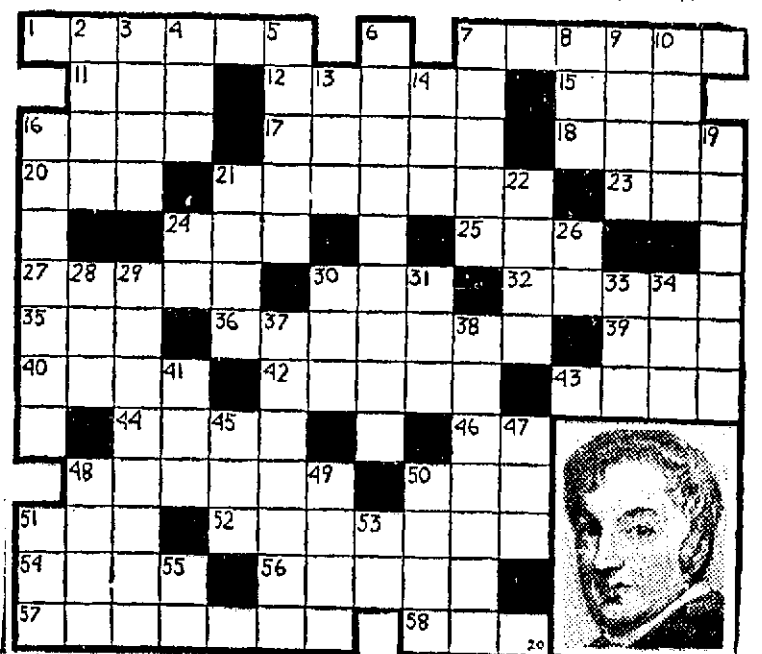
Great columns of smoke rose from the vicinity of the barracks and the gasoline stores, British pilots reported.

Direct hits were registered on buildings in Krienero and fires were seen raging, the British RAF said.

The Greeks continued their attempt to dislodge the Italians from strategic positions which must be taken before Klisura and Tepellini are actually entered.

FAMOUS MEDICAL MAN

HORIZONTAL
1, 7 Man who discovered vaccination.
11 Ozone.
12 Weird.
13 Rowing in.
14 Gaelic.
15 Proves.
16 To tie.
20 Born.
21 Honorary military promotions.
23 Lion.
24 Genus of rodents.
25 Iniquity.
27 Citrus fruit.
30 Finale.
32 To respond to a stimulus.
35 Epoch.
36 Twisted game.
40 Short letter.
42 Angler's basket.
43 To ogle.
46 Orient.
48 Exclamation.
49 North wind.
50 Data.
51 Gibbon.
52 Pastured at a charge.
54 Goddess of discord.
56 Furry beast.
57 He used cowpox virus as a vaccine.
58 At this time.
59 To challenge.
60 Sage.
Answer to Previous Puzzle
BEAR
CNU
PROD
LEND
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N TREMULENT WEL
TEES ANLE FEAR
IRA CIDDY CADY
GRACEES PUNLB
RANER LATSOL
ACUMEN OAT GOAT
DINER SKI TERNE
E KOLA CLTMB
19 He was a — by profession.
21 A shove.
22 Male ancestor.
24 Volume (abbr.).
26 Northeast (abbr.).
28 Self.
29 Flashing.
30 To make a mistake.
31 Numbered cube.
33 Beer.
34 Mine shaft hut.
37 Eight-sided figure.
38 Llano dweller.
41 Spike of corn.
45 Ocean.
47 Owned.
48 Measure.
49 Local position.
50 Solar disk.
51 Coin.
53 Street (abbr.).
55 South Carolina (abbr.).
6 Form of "be."
5 Beloved ones.
6 His discovery has smallpox epidemics.
7 Jokes.
8 Head blow.
9 Brad.
10 Bird of prey.
13 Adam's wife.
14 Wrath.
16 He was a native of —.



Kroger to Pay Workers Bonus

325 Employees Will Get Christmas Checks

Distribution of Christmas bonus checks to approximately 325 employees of the Little Rock branch of the Kroger Grocery and Baking Co., which operates Kroger food markets in this area, was under way today. C. E. Houston, branch manager, announced. Similar distribution was in progress throughout the company, he said.

Accompanying the checks was a personal Christmas greeting from Albert H. Morrill, Kroger president. In his message Morrill also informed employees that \$500 had been added to their group life insurance policies for the year starting Dec. 2, 1940, without any additional premium cost. This increases the value of their original

\$1,000 policies to \$2,500, two other \$500 increases having been effected previously.

Houston said that directors of the grocery firm had appropriated \$300,000 as bonuses to all who have been in the employ of the company for a year or more, except branch executives and keymen who already are participating in a profit sharing plan.

Kroger employees receiving Christmas bonus checks include store clerks and managers, warehouse, office and factory employees.

Barton to Head State Livestock Association

LITTLE ROCK (AP)—Col. T. H. Barton, of El Dorado, was elected president of the Arkansas Livestock Association at a meeting of the group here Friday.

Col. Barton served as head of the association during its first year and will succeed Raymond Rebsamen, of Little Rock.

It would sort of even things up if we had to shovel either snow or coal in the summer.

Christmas SPECIAL COMMUNITY PLATE all Patterns 1/3 OFF STEWART'S JEWELRY STORE First National Bank Bldg.

JUST RECEIVED Shipment of Christmas Pot Plants Poinsettias, Cyclamen, Jerusalem Cherries, Christmas Begonias, Many others to choose from HOPE FLORAL & NURSERY CO. "Complete Nursery Stock" Highway 67 Phone 24-J-2 Mrs. Roy Stephenson, Prop. We Deliver

For Pasteurized Milk and Cream Call Your Grocer or 938 and Leave Your Order HOPE CREAMERY & DAIRY CO. Mrs. W. M. Ramsey—Mgr.

FURNITURE for CHRISTMAS The Choice of Wise Shoppers—Give furniture to friends and to "yourself" as well—Furniture is such a happy choice, and is a gift for years of happiness—HOPE HARDWARE CO.

Surprise Package For YOU! A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year From The Doctor Mom Jerry The Twins Mary We'll be spending the Holidays with you. We have an exciting vacation. Let us tell you all about our family celebration Beginning Monday Dec. 23 in HOPE STAR

Who says Latins are bashful LOVERS! That smooth omigo from old Mexico is cutting in on Fred's time with Pat Morison, so there's going to be plenty of fireworks. Paramount Presents FRED MacMURRAY PATRICIA MORISON ALBERT DEKKER in RANGERS OF FORTUNE with Joseph Schildkraut Dick Foran and Betty Brewer Original Screen Play by Frank Butler Directed by SAM WOOD

PLUS DONALD DUCK NEWS Spots Before Eyes

